ಅವಕಾಶವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ಅಂತಹ ನ್ಯಾಳೀಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರನ್ನು ನೇರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ವೈ. ವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಶ್ರೀ ಶಿವಪ್ಪನವರು ಏನಾದರೂ ದುಡ್ಡು ವಸೂಲು ಮಾಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪ.—ಅದನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿದರೆ ತರಿಸಿ ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Activities of the Labour Officer in Hassan District.

Q.—169. Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA (Belur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a Labour Officer has been posted in Hassan District to enforce Labour Act in the plantation area as well as in other parts of the district;

(*b*) since how long he is working in the said area;

(*c*) whether he is submitting periodical reports regarding his activities in the district to the Labour Commissioner ?

A.—Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA (Minister for Labour and Legal Affairs).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise in view of reply to (*a*) above.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—You were kind enough to state that no Labour Officer has been posted to Hassan District. Have you not appointed any Labour Officer to Hassan District ? Have you appointed one Labour Officer to look after Chickmagalur and Hassan Districts ?

*Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—There is no Labour Officer for that District. But there is an Assistant Commissioner for the area of which Hassan District is a portion.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—Do you appoint exclusively one Officer to Hassan District to look after the welfare of labourers ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to appoint an Inspector and the incumbent will be soon taking charge.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—May I know when you are going to appoint this Inspector ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—In the very near future.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA—The Hon'ble Minister was pleased to say that an Assistant Commissioner is looking after the affairs of labourers in the Hassan District. May I know whether that Assistant Commissioner is a Revenue Assistant Commissioner or Labour Assistant Commissioner ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Labour Assistant Commissioner in charge of Chikmagalur Division. Hassan District is a portion of that Division.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Is it not true that an Inspector of Plantation Labour has already been appointed and since he has not resumed charge, there is a lot of difficulties ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is a different question.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—He himself answered like that.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Minister might have answered. That does not entitle a member to ask a question.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Unfortunately the question is wrongly worded. There is no such thing as Labour Officer. The Labour Minister is trying to take advantage of it. He has also explained the position.

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—The misfortune can be rectified by a separate question by the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Next question No. 434. The Member is absent. Next question.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—In view of the importance of this question I request the Chair to permit this question to be taken up tomorrow. It has been said in the answer that copies of lists of Backward Classes recognised in the different merged areas are placed on the Table of the House. I request that these lists may be supplied to members and this question may be taken up to-morrow.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It cannot be taken up tomorrow.

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* Asterisk indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the Member concerned.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—Because it is said that lists of Backward Classes has already been placed on the Table of the House, I request that the lists may be supplied to the Members.

Mr. SPEAKER.—That can be done. But I cannot postpone the question. If the request is that the question should be answered today as it is an important question, I will just request the Minister concerned to reply to it.

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now. Anyway, there is a point in favour of the Hon'ble Members. Since the Minister is not present, it will be taken up to-morrow.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Will the same thing happen if an Hon'ble Member is not present?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is a preference given. . . . . .

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—It is no preference; it is a privilege given only to the Ministers.

Mr. SPEAKER.—This question will be taken up on the request of one of the Hon'ble Members. Since he says that it is an important question, I would like to take it up to-morrow.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—Yesterday I had one question. I was not present during the question hour when this question was called and the Chief Minister also was not present then. Will that question be taken up?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The point is, if the Hon'ble Minister concerned is not present, some other Minister will reply to that or if the Minister requests me that since he cannot be present, it may be postponed, I will postpone the question; but, the thing is, the members themselves should be present. If the member is absent, even though the Minister is also absent it does not help the member at all.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—On a point of order. It was brought to the notice of the Chair that the member tabling the question and the Minister both were absent. Hence it was decided that the question might be taken up to-morrow. I think the discussion now is like the 'day after the fair'. How can it be relevant?

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is no point of order involved. Hon'ble Member Sri Muckannappa wanted to reply on my behalf. That is all.

Sri G. ANNA RAO.—I think this practice must be discouraged because in other Assemblies also the experience is that no question is usually postponed to the next day, because if any particular Minister cannot be present, he must authorise another Minister to reply. The postponement will affect other questions also.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I see the difficulty; but the trouble is, in some cases other Ministers cannot reply, especially if the question is of an involved character. So far as possible, the Minister concerned authorises some other Minister, if he is to be absent, to reply on his behalf. Yesterday some of the questions were replied by the Minister Sri T. Mariappa on behalf of the Chief Minister. But if questions are particularly difficult and cannot be answered by other Ministers, usually I try to postpone them.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—I submit it is not a correct procedure. I do not think there is any Minister who is incapable of answering for the other Minister. The other Minister can very well study the file. This kind of leniency, this kind of going out of the rule, is, I think, not correct. Let the Speaker then give the same privilege to the members also. If a member tabling the question is absent at the time, others are capable of putting supplementaries on that. Would you allow the question to be postponed? Similarly, if the Minister concerned is to be absent, another Minister must be authorised. On that account, to postpone the question and take it up the next day is not at all correct.

Sri N. RACHIAH.—On a point of order. After all, this is a question hour. During the question hour, no discussion is to be allowed and if there is such a matter to be discussed, it is to be taken up after the question hour. I hope the Speaker would follow the convention and see that such discussions are not allowed during the question hour, because the time allowed for questions will be taken away for

the discussion. So the object of the question hour will be defeated.

Mr. SPEAKER.—What the Hon'ble Member Sri Rachiah says has good substance, but there are difficulties in the way. This has arisen out of the question put by Sri Somanna; otherwise, it ought not to have arisen here. So what has taken place is not outside the scope of the question itself, that is, the general question concerned. As regards the question that was just now raised by Sri Bheemappa Naik, I am not in a position to agree with him. I do not find any rule which prevents me from postponing a question. There is no rule in the Rules of Procedure whereby I cannot postpone any question. So I do not see any force in what Sri Bheemappa Naik says. But at the same time as a healthy rule it ought to be so arranged that if a Minister happens to be absent, he must instruct one of his colleagues so that he may reply on his behalf. Usually that is done. In some cases it is difficult for the Minister concerned to entrust a particular question to another Minister to reply. In such cases, I have allowed the question to be postponed; otherwise, in good many cases questions are answered by some other Ministers on behalf of the Ministers who happen to be absent.

Primary Schools opened in Villages during the First Five-Year Plan.

Q.—477. Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

the total number of primary schools opened in the villages during the First Five-Year Plan?

A.—Sri V. VENKATAPPA (Minister for Education).—

Five hundred and thirty-nine.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Does this figure '538' include any aided schools?

Sri V. VENKATAPPA.—No question of aided schools coming here. Only Government schools are dealt with here.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಸ್. ಸೂರ್ಯನಾರಾಯಣರಾವ್.—ಪ್ರಶ್ನೋತ್ತರಗಳು ಹೇಗೆ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತವೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಯುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಕೇಳಿಸುವುದೇ ಇಲ್ಲ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I will look into it.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—The question is about 'the total number of primary schools opened in the villages during the First Five-Year Plan' and the answer given is: '539'. Was it the target figure contemplated under the First Five-Year Plan or was the number more?

Sri V. VENKATAPPA.—The target number is 600. As against 600, 539 primary schools have been opened. The upper primary schools opened are 61; that has not been included here.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Does the figure include the schools opened in the integrating areas of Mysore State?

Sri V. VENKATAPPA.—No. They are all schools opened in the old Mysore State.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—How many schools have been opened in the other integrating areas under the Five-Year Plan?

Sri V. VENKATAPPA.—I have no information readily available.

Sri G. ANNA RAO.—How many of these are basic lower primary schools?

Sri V. VENKATAPPA.—Now all the primary schools are basic schools.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಂ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಹಳೆಯ ಮೈಸೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾವಾರು ಎಷ್ಟು ಶಾಲೆಗಳು ತೆರೆಯಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿವೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪ.—ಈಗ ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಸಮಾಚಾರ ತರಿಸಿಕೊಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಕಷ್ಟ ಏನೂ ಇಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಂ. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಆ ಸಮಾಚಾರ ಬೇಕಾದರೆ ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—What effort was made by the Government to collect information from the other integrated areas?

Sri V. VENKATAPPA.—Some files have not yet come from some Governments. That is why we have not been able yet to collect all the information necessary.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—May I know from which Governments files have not yet come?